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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 13, 24, 30-45, 47 and 60 are currently amended. Claims 46 and 48-60 are canceled without prejudice. New claim 63 is added. Claims 1-45, 47 and 61-63 remain before the Examiner for reconsideration.

In the Office Action dated June 25, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-62 under 35 U.S.C. 101 "as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-62 of prior U.S. Patent No.6686438."

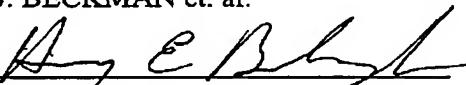
Applicants have amended claims to obviate the Examiner's "double patenting" rejection.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner, indicate the allowability of the Claims, and arrange for an official Notice of Allowance to be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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